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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senator
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein:

We, the undersigned California state legislators, write to you regarding our concerns with the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and respectfully request that you call upon the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the appropriate oversight committees of the United States Congress to conduct a comprehensive review of the organization.

The USADA, which receives the majority of its funding from taxpayer dollars through the Office of National Drug Control Policy at the White House, claims to have the power to discipline athletes from all over the world and revoke athletic championships won both in the United States and internationally. Without the authorization of the United States Congress, the USADA has unilaterally changed the rules by which athletes who have never failed a drug test are prosecuted. Additionally, USADA's new, self-imposed rules do not provide athletes appropriate due process rights which all other Americans enjoy.

The United States was founded under the fundamental premise that everyone has the due process right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. To that end, we respectfully request that you call upon the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the appropriate oversight committees of the United States Congress to develop appropriate constitutional protections and conduct a comprehensive review of USADA's operations and finances, with special attention to USADA's unilateral changes in the rules for dealing with athletes who have never failed a drug test.

Rules governing the USADA should be modeled after the United States Constitution, which would never permit a prosecutor to be the judge and jury. Additionally, no punitive action of any kind should be taken by USADA unless clear and convincing evidence determines guilt and the athlete is afforded his or her due process rights.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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